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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATZK-CSM (600)

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Six Policy Memo No. 37-5 – Armor Center Uniform Policy

1. Reference Army Regulation 670-1, 1 September 1992, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.
2. The U.S. Army Armor Center is recognized as one of the premier training centers in the world. Our leaders and soldiers are justly regarded as skilled, proud professionals. We must at all times maintain the bearing and appearance of skilled and proud professionals. Installation uniform standards do not replace, but supplement, Army uniform standards. With this in mind, commanders will ensure that all soldiers comply with the following installation military uniform standards:
 - a. Battle dress uniform (BDU) standards:
 - (1) Earplug case will be worn from the right pocket buttonhole of the left breast pocket on the BDU blouse. The earplug case will display the unit crest (badge or decal). Instructor fobs will be worn from the left pocket button of the same pocket.
 - (2) The brown T-shirt is never the outer garment. Keep the BDU blouse on.
 - (3) Sleeves will be up in formation and in cantonment areas 1 May-1 September (the field uniform will not change during this period).
 - (4) The BDU may be worn in civilian establishments (no alcohol served in the establishment) for a short period of time (1 hour or less) before 1900.
 - (a) The uniform will be clean and serviceable.
 - (b) BDU may be worn in the commissary, exchange, or shoppette without restriction.
 - b. The field uniform (summer or winter) is the BDU uniform (sleeves down) with brown T-shirt, black boots, Kevlar with camouflage cover and band (chin strap fastened), and Load Carrying Equipment (LCE). Unit commander will designate equipment to be worn from the LCE. Field uniform will be worn as soldiers SP in tactical vehicles or NTV in order to conduct field training. The field uniform will be worn by all personnel conducting, supporting, or inspecting field training. Cold weather gear will be prescribed by the unit commander.

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c. Wear of the combat vehicle crewman (CVC) uniform is authorized while crewmen are performing actual tasks associated with their vehicle on a particular day.

(1) While operating armored vehicles, crews will wear CVC uniform or BDUs: CVC helmet (chinstrap fastened) while operating the vehicle; Kevlar while engaged in field duty not operating the vehicle.

(2) While engaging in live fire, crews of armored vehicles will wear CVC uniform with gloves, balaclava, CVC helmet, and body armor.

d. OPFOR uniform may be worn while soldiers are performing actual OPFOR missions on a particular day.

e. Soldiers on flight status may wear Flight NOMEX when their primary duty on a particular day is flying.

f. Coveralls may only be worn while performing duties in designated maintenance work areas and sites. Coveralls will be removed prior to departing maintenance work areas and sites.

g. The Physical Fitness Uniform (PFU) is worn only when conducting physical training, enroute to/from physical training, or while dining in a DFAC immediately following physical training. It is not authorized for work or details. Personnel will not wear military and civilian physical fitness garments at the same time.

(1) The PFU will not be worn into civilian establishments (except when purchasing gas to and from physical training).

(2) It will not be worn into any MWR or DECA establishment.

(3) The PFU is the normal duty uniform for Fitness Training Unit (FTU) cadre; it may be the normal duty uniform during Master Fitness Leader training.



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